

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A ~~composition~~ method for controlling NO<sub>x</sub> emissions during FCC processes comprises contacting a hydrocarbon feedstock with a cracking catalyst and a NO<sub>x</sub> reduction composition comprising (i) a mixed oxide of ceria and zirconia, (ii) optionally, at least one oxide from the lanthanide series other than ceria and (iii) optionally, an oxide of a metal from Groups Ib and IIb such as copper, silver and zinc.